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September 9, 2009

The Honorable Rebekah Warren
Chair, House Great Lakes and Environment Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

REF.: HB 5005

Dear Representative Warren:

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, the statewide recreational boating industry trade association, to indicate our support for HB 5055 with amendments which have been discussed and agreed upon between Ms. Carol Linteau, MDEQ Legislative Director and Ms. Elizabeth Browne, Chief of the Land and Water Management Division of MDEQ and our association representatives as of September 8th.

A great deal of time and effort has gone into reviewing the current statutes and developing proposed statute revisions which consider short and long-term needs of the department as well as our industry. We are confident that the departmental staff has consulted with and asked for input from all constituents. We appreciate the department's effort to consult with the association.

We encourage you and members of your committee to support HB 5055 with these most recent amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

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